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**The Kiva  
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**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Manross called to order a Special Meeting of the Scottsdale City Council on Tuesday, October 14, 2003 in the Kiva, City Hall, at 5:03 P.M.

Present: Mayor Mary Manross  
Vice Mayor Wayne Ecton  
Council Members David Ortega, Tom Silverman, Robert Littlefield, Ned O'Hearn, and Cynthia Lukas

Also Present: City Manager Jan Dolan  
City Attorney Brad Woodford  
City Clerk Carolyn Jagger

**Presentations**

**Scottsdale Pride Treasures and Trash Award**

On behalf of the Scottsdale Pride Committee, Sonnie Stevens and Chandra Bonfiglio presented a certificate of appreciation and a Toys R Us gift certificate to Victoria St. Ange. Eleven-year-old Victoria was introduced as the winner of the Treasures N Trash logo design contest.

**Ready to Learn Awareness Month Proclamation**

Mayor Manross recognized October as "Ready to Learn Month" and read the proclamation into the record.

**Domestic Violence Awareness Month Proclamation**

In an effort to raise domestic violence awareness, Mayor Manross proclaimed October Domestic Violence Awareness Month and presented the proclamation to Connie James. Mayor Manross urged everyone to support the city's efforts to help the community in reducing instances of domestic violence.

Councilwoman Lukas spoke as the Chairman of the MAG Domestic Violence Committee. She emphasized the importance of raising awareness of this crime in the community. She noted that Scottsdale took a leadership role by creating a Domestic Violence Center.

## **Information Update**

### **Pima Freeway Noise Study Results**

John Little, General Manager of Transportation, presented a slide presentation which has been outlined below.

#### **Background**

ADOT Noise Evaluation  
Citizen Concerns Remain  
Scottsdale Freeway Noise Study  
ADOT Rubberized Asphalt System wide

#### **Scottsdale Noise Study**

Public Involvement  
Comprehensive Noise Measurements  
Noise Modeling & Prediction  
Mitigation Options

#### **Conclusions**

Work with ADOT to Complete Current Project  
Reassess Noise Conditions in Sensitive Locations  
Disseminate info to the Community

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## **Boards, Commissions & Committees**

Vice Mayor Ecton outlined the purpose of each board and special qualifications, if any, for the open positions before nominations were accepted.

### **Citizen Bond Review Commission (2)**

Vice Mayor Ecton opened the floor for nominations.

Councilman Littlefield nominated Judith Brotman  
Councilman Ortega nominated Joseph Nessim  
Councilwoman Lukas nominated Bill Chamberlain  
Councilman O'Hearn nominated Matthew Schaffer  
Vice Mayor Ecton nominated Donald Adams

Vice Mayor Ecton closed the floor for nominations.

**Judith Brotman** and **Donald Adams** were appointed to the Citizen Bond Review Commission by a majority vote.

### Historic Preservation Commission (2)

Vice Mayor Ecton opened the floor for nominations.

Councilman Silverman nominated Paul Winslow  
Councilman O'Hearn nominated George Hartz  
Mayor Manross nominated Allen Bone

Vice Mayor Ecton closed the floor for nominations.

**Paul Winslow** and **George Hartz** were appointed to the Historic Preservation Commission by a majority vote.

### Human Relations Commission (3)

Vice Mayor Ecton opened the floor for nominations.

Councilwoman Lukas nominated Timothy Klapp  
Mayor Manross nominated Theodore Tyler  
Councilman Silverman nominated Enid Seiden  
Councilman O'Hearn nominated Aubrey Strickstein

Vice Mayor Ecton closed the floor for nominations.

**Theodore Tyler** was reappointed and **Aubrey Strickstein** and **Enid Seiden** were appointed to the Human Relations Commission by a majority vote.

### Judicial Appointments Advisory Board (2)

Council voted unanimously to confirm the appointment of **Judge Bethany Hicks** as designated by Superior Court Presiding Judge Colin Campbell.

Vice Mayor Ecton opened the floor for nominations.

Councilman O'Hearn nominated Joel Feldman  
Councilwoman Lukas nominated Mary Martin

Vice Mayor Ecton closed the floor for nominations.

**Judge Bethany Hicks** appointment was affirmed and **Joel Feldman** was appointed to the Judicial Appointments Advisory Board by a majority vote.

### McDowell Sonoran Preserve Commission (1)

Vice Mayor Ecton opened the floor for nominations.

Mayor Manross nominated Arthur DeCabooter  
Councilman O'Hearn nominated Melinda Morrison

Vice Mayor Ecton closed the floor for nominations.

**Arthur DeCabooter** was appointed to the McDowell Sonoran Preserve Commission by a majority vote.

### Parks & Recreation Commission (1)

Vice Mayor Ecton opened the floor for nominations.

Councilman Ortega nominated Donn Loper  
Councilman O'Hearn nominated Dolores Cayne

Vice Mayor Ecton closed the floor for nominations.

**Donn Loper** was appointed to the Parks and Recreation Commission by a majority vote.

### Scottsdale Pride Committee (2)

Vice Mayor Ecton noted that there are two openings with two applicants and called for Council's vote.

**Sonnie Stevens** and **Richard Taylor** were appointed to the committee unanimously.

### **Public Comment**

**William Crawford**, 6442 E. Scottsdale, expressed concern that the city charter requires citizens to collect signatures from 15% of the total number of Scottsdale voters in order to place an issue on the ballot. He submitted a petition to Council requesting that the city's charter be amended to conform to the requirements of Arizona State Statutes.

**Tony Nelssen**, 7736 E. Redbird Road, spoke on behalf of the Desert Foothills Property Association. He requested that Council direct staff to begin the process of drafting a text amendment to the sign ordinance. The amendment would address the ability to put signs and/or monuments within the scenic setbacks along scenic corridors.

## CONSENT AGENDA

**1. City of Scottsdale adv. Allied Construction, Inc.**

**Request:** Consider authorizing renewal of Contract No. 2000-160A-COS in a maximum amount of Six Thousand Dollars (\$6,000) with Holden Brodman, PLC for legal services in connection with the conclusion of all post-trial work and a negotiated settlement of a dispute between the City of Scottsdale, Allied Construction, Inc., and Allied's bond company, Safeco Insurance Company of America, relating to construction at McCormick Ranch Railroad Park.

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**2. City of Scottsdale adv. Allied Construction, Inc.**

**Request:** Consider approval of final settlement, compromise, and release agreement related to a dispute among the City of Scottsdale, Allied Construction, Inc., and Allied's bond company, Safeco Insurance Company of America, Cause Nos. CV 98-08121, CV 98-13948, and CV 2000-03035 (Consolidated) relating to renovation of McCormick Ranch Railroad Park.

**Related Policies, References:** Settlement Agreement No.2003-165-COS

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**3. Engineering Services Contract for the design of Cactus Road- Pima Freeway to Frank Lloyd Wright Blvd and the Upper Camelback Wash Drainage Projects**

**Request:** Authorize Engineering Services Contract No. 2003-154-COS with Stantec Consulting, Inc., in the amount of \$1,486,930, for the design of roadway and drainage improvements on Cactus Road between the Pima Freeway and Frank Lloyd Wright Blvd. and drainage improvements to Upper Camelback Wash between Sweetwater Avenue and Shea Blvd.

**Related Policies, References:**

- Design Concept Report – Cactus Road 6/7/03
- Design Concept Report - Upper Camelback Wash 6/15/03
- Transportation Commission Review – 5/18/03
- Streets Master Plan - 2003
- Bond 2000 CIP Project
- Cactus Corridor-Planning Commission recommendation, 1992
- Cactus Acres Character Plan Draft - 1995
- Council Action Report - Amended Circulation Element of the General Plan, Cactus Road - 10/21/97

**Staff Contact(s):** Doug Cullinane, Sr. Project Manager, 480-312-2681, [dcullinane@scottsdaleaz.gov](mailto:dcullinane@scottsdaleaz.gov); Al Dreska, 480-312-5555, [adreska@scottsdaleaz.gov](mailto:adreska@scottsdaleaz.gov)

**4. Adopt Resolutions No. 6364 and 6365 and Ordinance No. 3525 authorizing 2003 MAG Standard Specifications and Details and authorize 2003 City of Scottsdale Supplements to these specifications and details**

**Requests:**

Adopt Resolution No. 6364, Resolution No. 6365, and Ordinance No. 3525, Adoption of the Uniform Standard Specifications and Details for Public Works Construction, 1998 (Includes revisions through 2003); sponsored and distributed by the Maricopa Association of Governments;  
and

Adopt 2003 City of Scottsdale Supplements to MAG Uniform Standard Specifications and Details for Public Works Construction

**Related Policies, References:** The City Council first adopted Uniform Standard Specifications for Public Works Construction sponsored and distributed by the Maricopa Association of Governments in 1979 and has annually adopted updates to the MAG Specifications and Details and the City of Scottsdale Supplemental Specifications and Details.

**Staff Contact(s):** George A. Bringe, Plans Examiner, 480-312-7043, [gbringe@scottsdaleaz.gov](mailto:gbringe@scottsdaleaz.gov); Al Dreska, 480-312-5555, [adreska@scottsdaleaz.gov](mailto:adreska@scottsdaleaz.gov)

COUNCILMAN ECTON MOVED TO APPROVE CONSENT ITEMS 1-4. COUNCILMAN SILVERMAN SECONDED THE MOTION WHICH CARRIED 7/0.

## REGULAR AGENDA

**5. Scottsdale First Assembly of God - Dream Center**

**Request:** Review the Development Review Board approval of the proposed 40-foot tall church cooling tower/steeple element at a proposed new church.

**36-DR-2003**

Key Items for Consideration:

- On September 8, the City Council voted to review only the cooling tower/steeple element by a vote of 6 to 1.
- On August 21, 2003, the Development Review Board approved the site plan and all building elevations by a vote of 5 to 1.
- The Development Review Board approved a height above the standard 24-foot maximum building height requirement in the ESL District to allow a 40-foot tall cooling tower/steeple.
- There is both support and opposition to the proposal.

**Staff Contact(s):** Tim Curtis, Project Coordination Manager, 480-312-4210, [tcurtis@ScottsdaleAZ.gov](mailto:tcurtis@ScottsdaleAZ.gov); Randy Grant, Chief Planning Officer, 480-312-7995, [rgrant@ScottsdaleAZ.gov](mailto:rgrant@ScottsdaleAZ.gov)

Randy Grant presented a brief slide presentation which has been outlined below.

### **36-DR-2003- Dream Center**

•Review the Development Review Board decision regarding height and design of the proposed cooling tower/steeple element

#### **Building Height**

Underlying zoning allows 30-foot buildings with 45-foot tall towers

Foothills zoning allows 40-foot tall churches (with large setbacks)

ESL allows 24-foot buildings, with exceptions not to exceed the underlying zoning

DRB approved the exception for the 40-foot tower

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Mr. Grant noted that the city received a letter on Friday indicating that the applicant would accept the decision of Council and would comply with the 24' height restriction.

Mr. Grant noted that staff has drafted an amendment to the height provision of the ordinance. He explained that the draft would be presented to the Planning Commission in October and to Council in December.

**Wendy Riddell**, 4800 N. Scottsdale Road, spoke as a representative for the applicant. She explained that through dialog with neighbors in the community, the church has agreed to reduce the tower height to a maximum of 24'. She stated support for the amendment to the sign ordinance as requested by Mr. Nelssen.

Mayor Manross opened public testimony.

**Howard Myers**, 6631 E. Horned Owl, explained that the height restriction was to negate the underlying zoning. He stated his opinion that in order for the ordinance to be successful, everyone must comply with the restrictions.

**Tony Nelssen**, 7736 E. Redbird Road, thanked the church for their commitment to the neighborhood. He emphasized that the Desert Foothills Design Guidelines specify that the architectural character of buildings should respect the traditional, at times, rustic character of the buildings in the area. He urged Council to take the character issues of the buildings in this case into account. He questioned why staff is recommending an approval in contradiction of documented city character issues.

**Tim Montgomery**, 34894 N. 92<sup>nd</sup> Place, requested that Council remind the DRB of the ESLO changes that were approved in April. He also urged Council to consider the citizens' efforts to maintain the city's unique desert roadways.

**Daniel Basinger**, 29503 N. 107<sup>th</sup> Place, spoke as Chairman of EQAB. He stated the board's strong support of the intent of ESLO.

Mayor Manross closed public testimony. Two additional comment cards were received supporting the 24' height restriction from citizens not wishing to speak.

Vice Mayor Ecton explained that the approval by the DRB of the 40' tower element was disturbing to him and the community. He noted that the decision to approve the variance was recommended by staff because of the exception allowed in the regulation. He stated his opinion that there was a violation of the spirit of the ELSO. He looks forward to the opportunity to clarify the issue further in December.



COUNCILMAN ORTEGA MOVED TO APPROVE THE CHURCH WITH A TOWER ELEMENT NOT TO EXCEED 24' WITH A DESIGN THAT IS CONSISTENT WITH THE PREVIOUSLY APPROVED DESIGN OF THE CHURCH. COUNCILWOMAN LUKAS SECONDED THE MOTION (WHICH CARRIED 7/0).

Councilwoman Lukas expressed her belief that the case should be resolved tonight for the sake of the community.

Councilman Littlefield stated his opinion that the issue should be resolved tonight to be fair to the applicant rather than sending the issue back to DRB.

After further discussion, THE MOTION CARRIED 7/0.

**Public Comment - None**

**City Manager's Report - None**

**Mayor and Council Items - None**

**Adjournment**

With no further business to discuss, Mayor Manross adjourned the meeting at 6:18 P.M.

**SUBMITTED BY:**

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**Ann Eyerly, Council Recorder**

**REVIEWED BY:**

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**Carolyn Jagger, City Clerk**

## **C E R T I F I C A T E**

I hereby certify that the foregoing Minutes are a true and correct copy of the Minutes of the Special Meeting of the City Council of Scottsdale, Arizona held on the 14th day of October 2003.

I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held, and that a quorum was present.

**DATED** this 20th day of October 2003.

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**CAROLYN JAGGER**  
City Clerk